

CITY OF CHICOPEE
WATER DEPARTMENT

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BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

Ronald H. Green Chairman
Mitchell S. Kuzdzal, Clerk
Alfred E. Pinciak

ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2009
9:30 A.M.

The Adjourned Meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was held Wednesday June 24, 2009.

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Ronald H. Green, Chairman at 9:30 a.m.

Present: Ronald H. Green, Chairman
 Mitchell S. Kuzdzal, Clerk
 Alfred E. Pinciak, Commissioner
 Alan Starzyk, Acting Water Superintendent
 Lisa Meserve, Principal Clerk
 Chris Cockshaw, Hatch Mott

Bills presented by Alan Starzyk, Acting Superintendent were reviewed and approved.

A motion by Commissioner Alfred E. Pinciak to accept the minutes of June 10, 2009 as amended.
Motion was seconded by Commissioner Mitchell S. Kuzdzal, Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

Abatelements:

See attached list of abatelements.

Payment Agreements for Signature:

Payment agreements were given to Mr. Green for his signature.

Updated List of Shut-Off's:

Acting Water Superintendent Starzyk submitted an updated shut-off list for Districts 1, 2 & 3 to the Commissioners for informational purposes only.

Claim – Michelle Lavalley 21 McKinstry Avenue:

Acting Water Superintendent submitted a claim from Michelle Lavalley in the amount of \$410.00 due to a water pressure incident and the bottom of the meter let go basically the meter blew out.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell S. Kuzdzal, Clerk to pay the claim to Michele Lavalley in the amount of \$410.00 for her loss of wages and for reimbursement for her homeowners insurance. Motion carried unanimously.

Roll Call on the Motion:

Mr. Green Yes

Mr. Kuzdzal Yes

Mr. Pinciak Yes

The vote was three yes and passed.

Church & Dwight Co. Inc. Contract # 8221 for Sodium Bicarbonate:

Acting Water Superintendent Starzyk submitted contract #8203 from Church & Dwight for Sodium Bicarbonate to the Commissioners for their approval.

Correspondence:

Acting Water Superintendent Starzyk submitted a copy of the letter he forwarded to Mayor Bissonnette regarding the news article about Mr. Michael Carlson of Thornstensen Inc. filing false reports on water quality allegedly for the City of Chicopee.

Acting Water Superintendent Starzyk submitted a copy of the letter he forwarded to Mayor Bissonnette regarding the Transfer of Funds for Retroactive Payment for Richard Morin for sick buy back .

Acting Water Superintendent Starzyk submitted a copy of the of the new policy the Commissioners voted on at their meeting of June 10, 2009 to gain access to any property within the City of Chicopee in order to obtain actual meter readings and to install a remote meter reading device as to better regulate and tabulate water usage and monetary responsibility.

Budget 2010:

Acting Water Superintendent Starzyk submitted a copy of the budget to the Commission for their review and for informational purposes. Mr. Starzyk thanked the Commission for their appearance at the Budget Hearing which took place on Monday June 22, 2009 at 7:15 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. Our Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2010 was approved by the City Council on June 22, 2009.

Old Business:

Discussion was held regarding the Royal Street Tank. Acting Water Superintendent Starzyk indicated that we have been online since June 17, 2009.

Tim Topulos of 25 Lagadia Street appeared before the Board to discuss his water bill. He stated to the Commissioners that he is going through an extremely difficult financial hardship. After much discussion, the Commission as well the Superintendent felt that it would be in the Department's best interest if we allowed him to enter into a payment agreement due to his financial circumstances.

New Business:

Discussion was held regarding a newsletter. The Commissioners discussed enclosing a packet to all water consumers informing them of important issues. The discussion centered around informing the public as to certain aspects of water department billing policy (payment plans, hardship and illness forms) current rates and fees.

Meeting dates were set for the month of July and are as follows:

July 8, 2009 @ 9:30

July 22, 2009 @ 9:30

Motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Ronald H.Green at 11:16 a.m. and seconded by Commissioner Mitchell S. Kuzdzal, Clerk. Motion carried unanimously.

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Ronald H. Green, Commissioner

Mitchell S. Kuzdzal, Commissioner/Clerk

ABATEMENT/ REFUND REQUEST # 09-06-24-3101

NAME: Lynn Lashway

ADDRESS: 39 Alfred Street

ACCOUNT: 3103-2240

AMOUNT: \$ 473.00

REASON: Over Estimated

ABATEMENT/ REFUND REQUEST # 09-06-24-3102

NAME: PP & R Properties

ADDRESS: 23 Edward Street

ACCOUNT: 2015-1580

AMOUNT: \$ 473.00

REASON: Over Estimated

ABATEMENT/ REFUND REQUEST # 09-06-24-3103

NAME: Leo Fugler

ADDRESS: 219 Clarendon Avenue

ACCOUNT: 1173-1140

AMOUNT: \$ 554.81

REASON: Over Estimated

ABATEMENT/ REFUND REQUEST # 09-06-24-3104

NAME: Gerard Baril

ADDRESS: 131 Trilby Avenue

ACCOUNT: 2013-2080

AMOUNT: \$ 25.82

REASON: Over Estimated

ABATEMENT/ REFUND REQUEST # 09-06-24-3105

NAME: GEM Holding LLC

ADDRESS: 720 Chicopee Street

ACCOUNT: 3133-1280

AMOUNT: \$ 394.99

REASON: Over Estimated

ABATEMENT/ REFUND REQUEST # 09-06-24-3106

NAME: Jessica Lapa
ADDRESS: 729 Chicopee Street
ACCOUNT: 3177-2140
AMOUNT: \$ 122.31
REASON: Over Estimated

ABATEMENT/ REFUND REQUEST # 09-06-24-3107

NAME: Danielle Tullis
ADDRESS: 161 Fair Street
ACCOUNT: 2027-0904
AMOUNT: \$ 124.47
REASON: Billing Error

ABATEMENT/ REFUND REQUEST # 09-06-24-3108

NAME: Walter Kapinos
ADDRESS: 59 Watson Street
ACCOUNT: 2117-2000
AMOUNT: \$ 57.81
REASON: Late Charges

ABATEMENT/ REFUND REQUEST # 09-06-24-3109

NAME: Richard Kalbko
ADDRESS: 173 Basil Road
ACCOUNT: 2100-1120
AMOUNT: \$ 50.00
REASON: Processing Error

ABATEMENT/ REFUND REQUEST # 09-06-24-3110

NAME: Catherine Figueroa
ADDRESS: 651 Fuller Road
ACCOUNT: 2093-1380
AMOUNT: \$ 50.00
REASON: Processing Error

ABATEMENT/ REFUND REQUEST # 09-06-24-3111

NAME: Gary Nichols
ADDRESS: 6 Beauregard Terrace
ACCOUNT: 2037-1280
AMOUNT: \$ 50.00
REASON: Processing Error

A motion was made by Alfred E. Pinciak, Commissioner to grant the Abatement/Refund Request numbers 3101 through 3111. Motion seconded by Mitchell S. Kuzdzal, Commissioner. Motion carried unanimously.